# PERSONAL USE FISHERIES Emergency Order

ALASKA DEPARTMENT **OF FISH & GAME** 

Under Authority of AS 16.05.060

Emergency Order No. 1-KS-A-15-05 Issued at Ketchikan, Wednesday, June

29, 2005

Effective 12:01 A.M. Friday, Expiration Date: 11:59 P.M. Sunday, July Date: July 1, 2005

31, 2005, unless superseded by subsequent

emergency order.

#### **EXPLANATION:**

This emergency order opens the Herring Cove terminal harvest area to personal use drift gillnetting from July 1 through July 31, 2005 by permit only. Personal use permits will be issued out of the Ketchikan office for this fishery. Only drift gillnets 10 fathoms (60 feet) or less in length will be allowed. The bag and possession limit will be 50 king salmon per day of any size. The bag and possession limits for other salmon incidentally taken are 6 coho, 12 sockeye, 150 pink, and 25 chum salmon per day.

# **REGULATION**:

5 AAC77.685. PERSONAL USE HATCHERY SALMON MANAGEMENT PLAN (f) is added to read:

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(f) Personal use drift gillnet fishing will be allowed in the Herring Cove terminal harvest area from 12:01 a.m. July 1 through 11:59 p.m. July 31 by permit issued at the Ketchikan office. The terminal harvest area is defined as the saltwater area of Herring Bay west of a line from the southern entrance of Hole-In-The-Wall harbor to an un-named creek 1/8-mile north of Whitman Creek. Gear is limited to drift gillnets 10 fathoms or less. The bag and possession limit for this fishery is 50 king salmon per day of any size. The bag and possession limits for other salmon incidentally taken are 6 coho, 12 sockeye, 150 pink, and 25 chum salmon per day.

> McKie Campbell Commissioner

By delegation to:

Stephen H. Hoffman Ketchikan Area Management Biologist

# **JUSTIFICATION**:

The Personal Use Hatchery Salmon Management Plan (5 AAC 77.685) was developed to allow the personal use taking of surplus hatchery salmon in terminal locations when those salmon have not been taken in other fisheries. Hatchery-produced king salmon are projected to return, unharvested in other fisheries, to the Whitman Lake hatchery in numbers that exceed brood stock needs. The area opened by this emergency order will allow Alaska residents to target king salmon returning to the Whitman Lake hatchery located on upper Herring Cove Creek in Ketchikan.

## DISTRIBUTION:

The distribution list for this emergency order is on file at the Region I Office of Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Sport Fish, P.O. Box 240020, Douglas, AK 99824, (907) 465-4270 and at the Ketchikan Area Office, 2030 Sea Level Drive, Suite 205, Ketchikan, AK 99901. (907) 225-2859.